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The cases reported have almost invariably occurred among persons who came from the provinces within twenty-four hours of the time they were taken ill with the disease. The situation in the provinces is not as encouraging as it might be. The number of towns infected is constantly growing and there is no longer a sufficient number of experienced medical men available to combat the disease at the numerous places at which it has made its appearance. The rainy season is now about over and the disease will probably not spread so rapidly, provided the streams can be kept free from cholera. Heretofore, in the towns in which cholera appeared, the health authorities have had the assistance of the community in stamping it out. The disease has now made its appearance in Cavite Province, where a large portion of the population refuses to believe that the disease is cholera and they render no assistance whatever to the health authorities. In consequence the disease is spreading there much more rapidly than at other places.

During the week vessels cleared for the United States as follows:

On November 11, 1905, the American steamship *Hyades*, with 58 crew and no passengers, cleared for Tacoma via China and Japan ports. Cabins, forecastles, and storerooms were fumigated with sulphur dioxide. Cargo certified, 2,159 packages. Crew inspected on board at the hour of sailing.

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Transactions of Service.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Atilas reports, December 8, as follows:

Transactions of the service at San Juan and the six subports of the island during the month of October, 1905:

SAN JUAN.

Bills of health issued	26
Vessels inspected	15
Vessels held in quarantine	4
Vessels fumigated	1
Persons held in quarantine	12

The vessel fumigated was the American steamship *Arkadia*, which arrived at this port on October 14, 1905, from New Orleans. The vessels held in quarantine but permitted to transact business under guard were the German steamship *Iris*, from Haitian ports and La Guaira, the American steamships *Caracas* and *Philadelphia*, from ports of Venezuela and Curaçao, and the Spanish steamship *Montserrat*, from Central and South American ports.

The health of this port continues good and no quarantinable diseases have been reported.

The subports show the following transactions for the month: Mayaguez, 7 vessels inspected and 12 bills of health issued; Arecibo, 3 vessels inspected and 4 bills of health issued; Humacao, 1 vessel inspected and no bills issued; Aguadilla, 3 vessels inspected and 8 bills of health issued; Arroyo, 1 vessel inspected and 4 bills of health issued; Fajardo, 4 vessels inspected and 3 bills of health issued.